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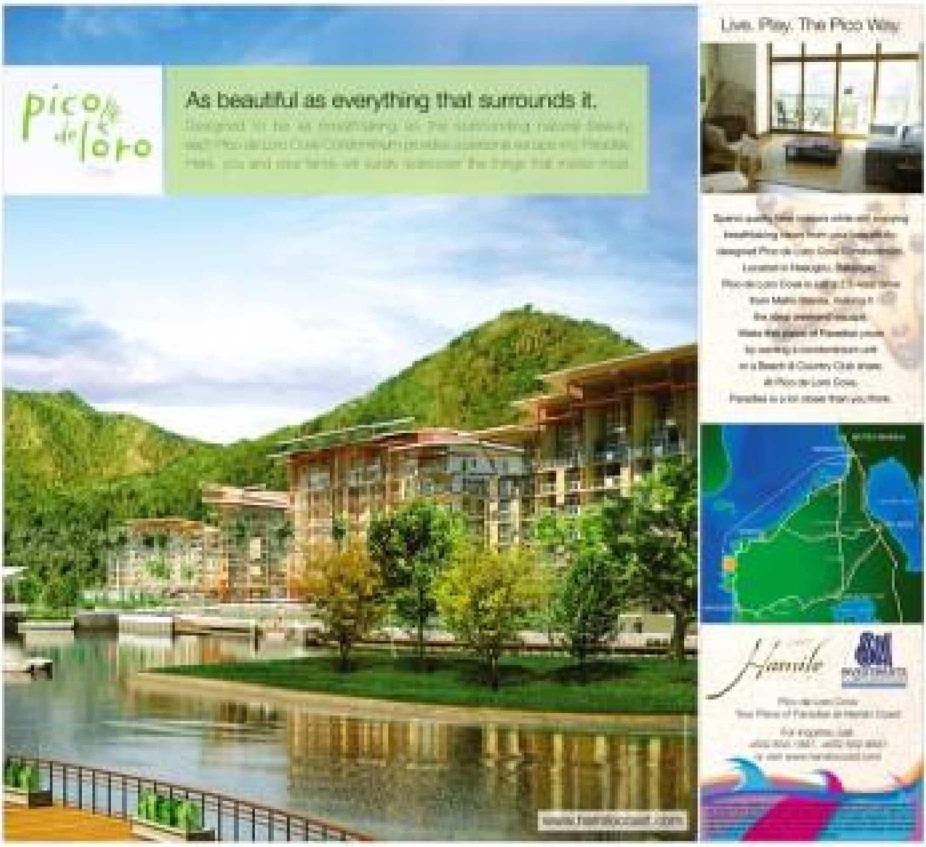
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SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT ZTE CORPORATION, ITS DESIRE, CAPACITY, AND WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE NBN PROJECT OF DOTC

There have been a number of negative reports and accusations regarding ZTE and the National Broadband Network (NBN) Project in the Philippine media recently. **These reports and accusations, which include insinuations or allegations of corporate wrong-doing and even criminal activity, are untrue and unfair.**

As a listed company in the Hong Kong and Shenzhen stock exchanges, ZTE is mandated to operate under a strict corporate governance system and its business operations and activities are closely scrutinized and regulated. ZTE complies strictly not only with Chinese law, but also the local laws and regulations in all the other countries it operates around the world. ZTE entered into the NBN Project in compliance with the relevant Philippine laws and regulations.

The accusations of bribery and corruption against ZTE are totally untrue, baseless, and highly unfair. ZTE reserves the right to take the appropriate legal action against the persons responsible for these libelous allegations.

Some media reports claim that ZTE has a very poor record in the international market. Those reports are also inaccurate and highly unfair.

ZTE was founded in 1985 and began undertaking business activities outside China in 1995. We now have global operations in more than 100 countries where we have established commercial partnerships with around 500 operators.

As a global leading telecommunications equipment and solution provider, ZTE has supplied products and solutions in various sector including government, telecom operators, and multinational enterprises In the 1st quarter of 2007, and after around 12 years' operations, ZTE's revenues in the overseas market overtook and exceeded revenues in the domestic (Chinese) market for the first time.

The Philippines is one of our major markets in Asia. ZTE now has extensive business relations with all the major players in the local market and is ready and willing to continue deploying its leading-edge technologies and products with customized solutions and high cost-effectiveness to serve the Filipino people. The NBN Project is proof of that continuing commitment.

The media reports concerning ZTE's supposed poor record or even wrong-doing in countries such as Mexico, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Burma, Liberia and Libya are also totally untrue, unfounded, and even malicious. There are very serious errors in these reports about the countries, projects, and project volumes supposedly relating to ZTE. Some of the projects mentioned in the reports do not even exist at all! Given the brazenness of these total fabrications, one cannot help but suspect that certain persons are waging a deliberate and malicious attack against ZTE in the media to mislead the public.

ZTE enjoys a very good reputation in the global telecommunications industry because of its achievements and track record. Despite the fierce competition in the global market, ZTE has become increasingly recognized and acknowledged around the world by virtue of its cutting-edge technologies, powerful innovation capabilities, its superior customization service, and cost-effectiveness. So it is perhaps no coincidence that ZTE has become the subject of media attacks consisting of negative news, misleading reports, or even total fabrications. The obvious goal of all these is to damage ZTE's reputation and undermine its ability to compete.

But if we look at the facts, just the facts, fairly and objectively, one will see that ZTE has earned its reputation as a trustworthy, effective, and reliable business partner all over the world. We hope to continue and build on our success in the Philippines with the NBN Project.



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PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates applaud the speech of former President Fidel Ramos at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in Hainan province, China, on April 21. Ms Arroyo witnessed the signing of the highly controversial $329-million broadband contract while she was in Boao.

Doubts on $329-M broadband deal swept under the rug

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ing held, at about 2 a.m.

But shortly after the $329-million deal was signed—before it or not—someone slipped into the hotel room of the Philippine delegation and stole the Philippine government's copy of the contract.

The motive for the theft is unknown, but it led to the contract when a magnet does to metal chunks.

Hindrance, confusion

Little is known of the details of the NBN deal but statements obtained by the Inquirer showed initial government hindrance and confusion, before it plunged into the broadband pool.

Minutes of meetings, letters and other documents show an attitude toward broadband different from what Ms Arroyo showed at the ... [illegible] ... technology.

Amid the haze, one thing that came out clearly, though, was that no one among the NBN proponents could say for sure how much the government would save in terms of telecommunications expenses, the only selling point of the NBN.

Documents pieced together by the Inquirer would [illegible] key details of what the stolen copies of the contract contained.

They showed that officials pushing for the project knew this to be "monumental guessing."

During meetings on the NBN, proponents said the project had "no cost recovery," a [illegible] term that meant only one thing—the Philippine government won't earn anything from it.

Loan from China

But the proponents defended the project before Ms Arroyo with one come-on—that instead of the government spending P3 billion to P4 billion on phone and Internet bills, it would be better off paying about P900 million a year for the loan to be extended by China that would go to building the NBN.

"The benefits are even greater considering the five-year grace period where no amortization is required," said a briefing paper prepared by NBN proponents.

The minutes of the meetings showed that some officials wanted to be certain about how much the government would save as a result of the project's plan to make use of technology called Voice-over-Internet Protocol, or VoIP, in which phone calls pass through the Internet at supposedly lower cost.

But no one had certain answers, according to the minutes.

"Planning Secretary Neri sought clarification on how VoIP savings could translate into benefits for the government," said notes on one meeting held on March 26 at the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) office in Pasig, about a month before the deal was signed.

"The consultant replied that with the project, the government will reduce its fixed-line subscription by as much as 50 percent and its fax and mobile phone costs by about 60 percent," the minutes said.

Uncertainty over savings

As the meeting progressed, however, the uncertainty over the amount of savings grew, as it turned out that mobile phone use wasn't covered by the project, the minutes showed.

"Such savings, however, will exclude those for mobile communications as the NBN does not have a mobile component," the minutes said.

"In addition, (Transportation and Communications) Assistant Secretary (Lorenzo) Formoso (III) explained that calls made within the network would be toll free while calls outside the network would be subject to interconnection charges," the minutes said.

Savings ultimate goal

"He (Formoso) added that the VoIP savings have already been discounted on the assumption that interconnection charges will have to be paid," the minutes added.

It was Formoso who broke the news of the theft of the Philippine government's copy of the contract.

Savings were the ultimate objective of the project on which Ms Arroyo didn't want to spend government funds, as minutes of a Cabinet meeting in 2006 showed.

President 's justification

"The only way I, as Neda chair, would approve this (broadband network project) is if it will give up VoIP that's cheaper than our cell phone bills now," a transcript of a Nov. 21, 2006 meeting of the Neda-Cabinet group quoted Ms Arroyo as saying.

"That's the only way to justify it," the President told the officials who were presenting IT project proposals to her during the meeting.

During that meeting, the discussion between Ms Arroyo, Neri, and the head of the little known Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICT), Ramon Sales, shifted from one project to another that would rely on broadband technology.

But throughout the meeting, Ms Arroyo was consistent on one thing—no government funds are to be used for a broadband network.

New technology

At one point, Sales was explaining the use of new technology called IPV6 (Internet Protocol Version 6) that would provide faster and more efficient access to the Internet because it opens new addresses that could no longer be accommodated by its predecessor, the 20-year-old Internet Protocol Version 4 or IPV4, which is in current use today.

"Probably I don't know what is IPV6," Ms Arroyo said.

"What happens, Ma'am, if you are in the old protocol (IPV4) is you would be able to access things you want," Sales said.

"But where do you want to access ba? If you're a farmer you want to find out what is the latest price of fertilizers. Do you need to go to IPV6? I'm asking this only because I'm gonna spend money. But if you're not gonna spend money, that's fine. You can do what you want," was Ms Arroyo's reply to Sales, whose resignation as CICT head she accepted on July 3. (Conclusion tomorrow.)

Where goes the Mindanao vote

Many pundits have opined that both Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri and Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III epitomize the new blood needed in Philippine politics and the Senate. Migz, a three-term representative, is considered a veteran legislator and one of the best performing in the last Congress. Koko, lawyer and bar topnotcher, is among the more prepared candidates. He offers a lot of promise. Both are young, driven and idealistic. They are also both from Mindanao.

Migz and Koko, maybe at least once, endorsed each other during the campaign. They shared the battle cry "Mindanao for Mindanaoans" in rallying the support of Southern Philippine's electorate for the Mindanaoan candidates (including Surigao's Prospero Pichay and Sulu's Jamalul Kiram). Mindanao needs more representation in the Senate. It is to the best interest of Mindanao for both Koko and Migz to make it to the Senate. Currently, only Koko's father Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. is there to advance the interests of Mindanao in the Upper Chamber.

It is unfortunate that the two young Mindanao leaders had to lock horns in the battle for the 12th seat contested way back May 14, 2007. They both have Mindanao in their hearts. They are both more qualified than many to be senators. But in the end, who should really speak for Mindanao, now that only one of them can take a seat.

Zubiri has the edge over Pimentel when it comes to the Mindanao votes. Zubiri ranked 3rd overall in Mindanao against Pimentel's 10th. Except for Zamboanga and General Santos Cities, known opposition bailiwicks, Zubiri is in the magic 12 of all provinces of Mindanao. In their head-to-head contest, Zubiri was #1 in region X and took regions IX, ARMM and CARAGA. Pimentel posted slight leads in regions XI and XII. Even the controversial province of Maguindanao, it was a known fact that 20 out of 22 towns had officials of the administration party unopposed all the way down to the last Kagawad paving the way for a clean sweep of Team Unity bets. Genuine opposition even admitted that they never stepped foot in the province to campaign unlike Zubiri who visited it 3 times. In Mindanao, Zubiri is ahead of Pimentel by over 500,000 votes. Add to this, Zubiri ranked #6 in Cebu, #2 in Negros Occidental, #8 in Iloilo, #7 in Antique, #6 Capiz, #4 in Bohol and in all the provinces Pimentel failed to enter the magic 12. These results make Zubiri the true Vis-Min representative, albeit his win is also truly their win.

Much of these were expected by the Zubiri camp. They knew that their Cebuano and Ilonggo speaking candidate will get the votes in all these areas. There were surprises in some Luzon and NCR tallies where surveys, exit polls and canvassed polls show high discrepancies.

Towards the end of the campaign all indicators pointed to a Zubiri win, everybody expected him to. If there is any incongruity it is for Zubiri to not make it to the Senate. A few days before the elections, the SWS-PDI survey showed him in 9-10th place overall, 3rd in Mindanao. The last Pulse Asia survey positioned him at between 10-12th. All these were confirmed by an exit poll conducted by ABS-CBN where he ranked 11th-12th. The abbreviated tally of GMA7-AMA also showed him at 11th.

It is interesting, to say the least, if in the end the results say otherwise.

It is now time to put the 2007 elections behind us and start the process of healing and most importantly start working, working for the greater good of Mindanao and the rest of our nation.

	Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri		Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III	
	VOTES	RANK	VOTES	RANK
Region IX				
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE	127,810	5th	96,101	18th
ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR	150,809	6th	75,808	19th
ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY	55,489	5th	58,528	9th
ZAMBOANGA CITY	67,223	14th	106,885	9th
REGIONAL TOTAL	401,257		317,187	
Region X				
BUKIDNON	108,979	1st	136,838	7th
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY	88,079	3rd	88,058	8th
CAMIGUIN	20,522	1st	17,175	8th
LANAO DEL NORTE	106,383	1st	116,788	12th
MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL	156,794	1st	74,040	11th
MISAMIS ORIENTAL	175,420	1st	163,810	2nd
REGIONAL TOTAL	881,158		669,523	
Region XI				
COMPOSTELA VALLEY	91,880	7th	80,885	11th
DAVAO CITY	261,128	8th	217,856	8th
DAVAO DEL NORTE	125,768	8th	135,486	8th
DAVAO DEL SUR	155,824	9th	127,880	5th
DAVAO ORIENTAL	58,828	9th	68,528	2nd
REGIONAL TOTAL	584,147		625,247	
Region XII				
NORTH COTABATO	143,482	8th	165,798	10th
SARANGANI	48,488	11th	48,887	8th
SOUTH COTABATO	88,181	12th	109,117	10th
SULTAN KUDARAT	51,444	8th	83,247	11th
GENERAL SANTOS CITY	31,882	13th	73,243	10th
REGIONAL TOTAL	421,207		488,234	
A.R.M.M.				
BASILAN	27,228	8th	23,328	20th
LANAO DEL SUR	101,851	8th	112,380	3rd
SHARIF KABUNSUAN	105,288	5th	73,283	13th
MAGUINDANAO	150,823	1st	87,111	14th
S U L U	48,487	8th	32,888	11th
TAWI-TAWI	15,703	11th	11,287	22nd
REGIONAL TOTAL	503,480		321,583	
CARAGA				
AGUSAN DEL NORTE	115,076	5th	96,113	8th
AGUSAN DEL SUR	78,443	8th	83,382	11th
SURIGAO DEL NORTE	58,011	11th	58,183	10th
SURIGAO DEL SUR	83,007	8th	58,811	10th
DINAGAT ISLANDS	22,094		15,838	18th
REGIONAL TOTAL	356,146		288,121	
TOTALS FOR MINDANAO	3,117,797		2,620,891	

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Jalosjos rape victim relives nightmare

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OPINION

Savages on the loose

Editorial

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO CALLED IT right. Last Tuesday's ambush of a search-and-rescue military convoy in Albarka, Basilan—14 Marines looking for kidnapped Italian missionary Fr. Giancarlo Bossi were killed, 10 of them beheaded—was a bestial act, the work of savages. To this deliberate provocation the national leadership must respond with both iron fist and open mind. The Armed Forces of the Philippines must bring the savages to justice. But the government must also push peace negotiations with Moro separatists, finally, to a fair conclusion.

A senior military officer said the beheadings were a sure sign that Abu Sayyaf bandits were involved. "Only the Abu Sayyaf is into beheading people," the officer said.

But the presence and the participation of Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels in the ambush, confirmed on Wednesday by Mohagher Iqbal himself, the separatist movement's chief negotiator, complicates the matter considerably. The government is engaged in peace negotiations with the MILF, an undertaking that may be only several months away from completion. The MILF's role in the ambush has cast a pall on the peace talks. Because of the ambush, the nagging question that drives critics of any peace agreement has gained emotional resonance: Can the government, in fact, trust the rebels?

The MILF has certainly some explaining to do. Iqbal could readily claim self-defense as the reason for the MILF's armed response to the convoy's passage through Barangay Guisano, but he was at a loss to explain the beheadings. "I received the report that our troops beheaded seven Marines. We are investigating and determining the identities of those involved." (He also said MILF rebels had recovered 11 headless bodies, not 10.)

Many of the details of the ambush, described by GMA reporter Jun Veneracion as hell on earth, remain enveloped in the so-called fog of war. But a careful review of the first reports tells us that the following facts are key, and that together they paint a bleak picture indeed.

First: The ambush took place in Barangay Guisano, the site of an MILF redoubt. The entry of seven military vehicles into the area suggests that it was the MILF, taking advantage of the pouring rain, that started the skirmish. Iqbal said there was lack of proper coordination; rebels could have taken the unexpected sight of unknown military trucks as a provocation. But Marine spokesman Lt. Col. Ariel Caculitan criticized that line of thinking; surely, he said, lack of coordination was "not a go-signal to consider attacking Marine troops."

Second: The ambush started in the morning and lasted about 10 hours. The military estimates that about 400 bandits and "lawless elements" took part in the ambush. (The MILF claims four of its guerrillas were killed and seven were wounded.) The duration of the skirmish suggests that it could only have been sustained by other armed groups joining forces with MILF rebels. Caculitan has raised that same possibility: "considering blood relations and other connections in the community," it may well be that "other lawless groups" joined the battle.

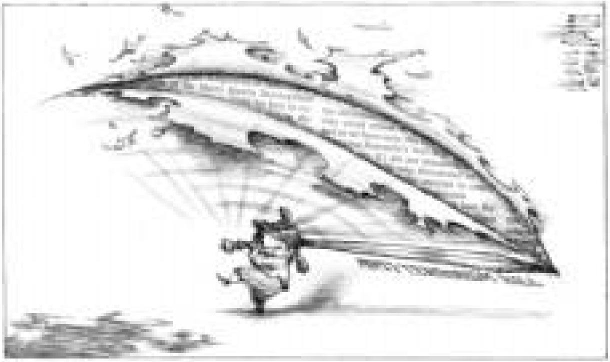
Third: According to Veneracion, the houses in the village the convoy passed through were ominously empty. This, soldiers had told him some time before, usually meant "trouble" ahead. Why? Imminent armed action naturally forces villagers to flee to safer ground.

Taken together, what do these facts, and the logical implications they carry, tell us about the situation in Basilan?

The AFP remains on the losing end of the war for hearts and minds; we find it telling that not a single resident tried to send a warning to the military convoy.

Also, the lines that divide anti-AFP forces are porous indeed. MILF, Abu Sayyaf, "lawless elements"—in certain villages the differences may not make much of a difference, or may not exist at all.

This lack of public support at the local level and the ambiguousness of the "enemy" make it difficult to root out the causes of insurgency, terrorism, even crimes of opportunity like kidnapping. All the more reason to forge a fair deal with the MILF. Those we smoke the peace pipe with have less incentive to lie in ambush, in the pouring rain.



'Performance massaging' at LBP, DOF

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BAGUIO CITY—THE 20-YEAR dominance of the Valera family in Abra politics ended when the Commission on Elections denied the pre-proclamation petition filed by former Gov. Vicente Valera against former Lagayan Mayor Cecilia Luna, his rival in the province's lone congressional race.

Changing of the guard

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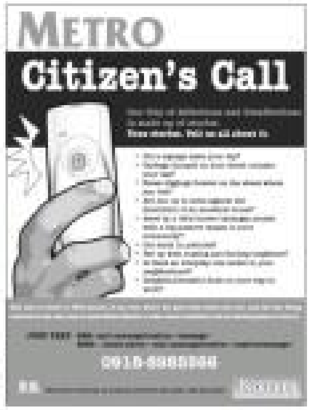


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LADY BIRD JOHNSON, 94

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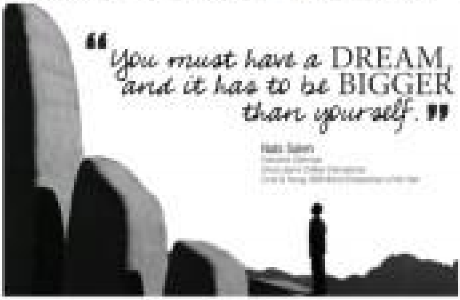
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Al-Qaida strong as ever, says US intel

WASHINGTON—US INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS have concluded al-Qaida has rebuilt its operating capability to a level not seen since just before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, The Associated Press has learned.

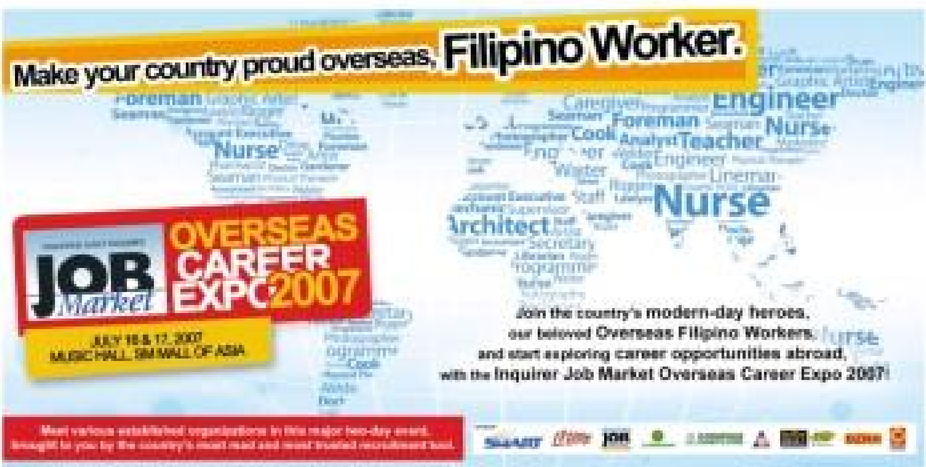




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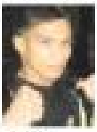




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Pinoy track aces bag 5 golds in HK



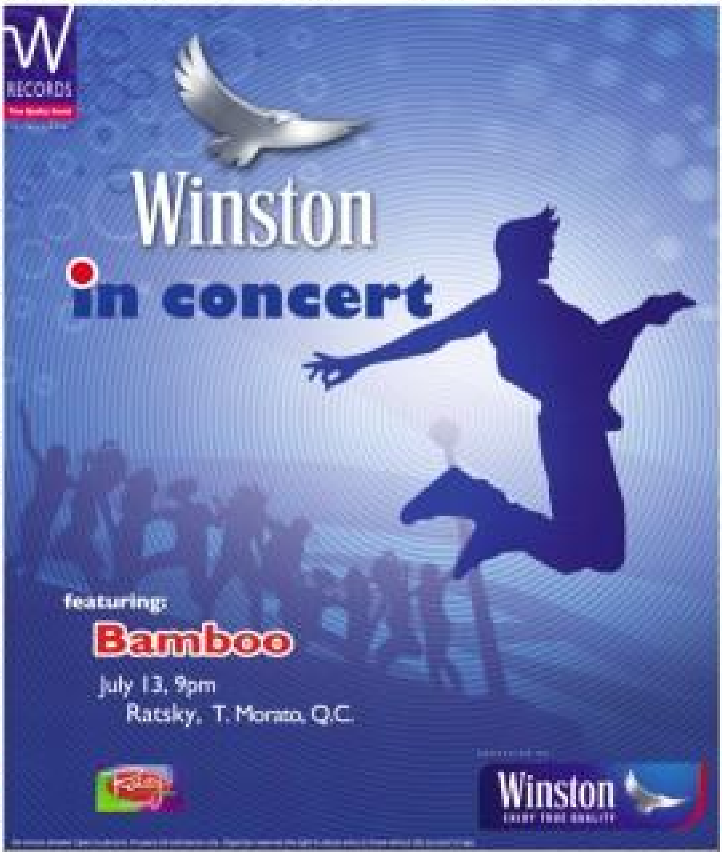
GUINNESS 9-BALL
Alcano leads RP bets



Espiritu Cup caging gets going tomorrow

Iligan cagers seek semis versus Iloilo

Big Pasay derby under way



Sharapova pulls out of Fed Cup

SPORTS



RASHARD Lewis

Magic welcome Lewis

Six-year contract worth $118 million

AFP

Cards lock horns with Stags today

STANDINGS	W	L
San Beda		
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GAMES TODAY

Billups stays a Piston

AFP



Suns gamble on Hill

Reuters

Hushovd rules 4th stage

Business
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BSP cuts rates, removes tiering scheme

Tetangco says impact of twin moves 'neutral'

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) MAINTAINED its "neutral" monetary policy stance by taking the unorthodox move of cutting its key interest rate while scrapping a scheme that paid lower yields for large short-term deposits.

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STOCK MARKET

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Privatization gives PNOC-EDC more flexibility

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Gov't debt eased to ₱3.9T in end-April

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Top 10,000 corporations in BIR's crosshairs

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Port operator commits to invest $150M under extended contract

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RP recyclers earn millions from garbage

DBP, First Metro buy PPA bonds

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Video did not kill the radio star

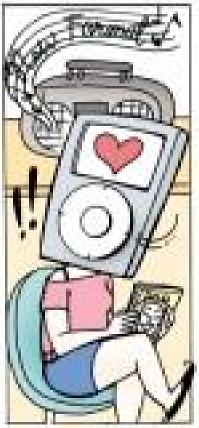
One FM radio station makes itself sound like an iPod to attract more listeners and stem declining revenue

PUNDITS SAY ONE OF THE reasons why the number of people listening to the radio is going down nowadays is because people prefer to listen to their iPods and MP3 players.

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Challenges

[illegible]



No filing fees for APIC

TAX-FILES

Nielsen to focus on time spent, not page views, in measuring website popularity

Sun launches new deal on cheaper text rates



Video did not kill the radio star

Difficult question

'Chill out' music

Unknown variable

Know your customer

Text-based ads you'll love to receive

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Advertisers eye unobtrusive messages to push products

By Abigail L. Ho

Knowing the subscriber



GERALD SUMPTER



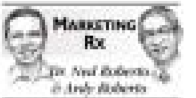
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Using freebies

Super SMS

Hotbed of innovation

What's the purpose and how often should market research studies (UAIs) be conducted?



Abridged vs comprehensive UAI

How often?

Agencies to the rescue

Good for SMEs as well



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Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan



Right before the 10th death anniversary of the world's princess, the celebrated editor comes out with a riveting book

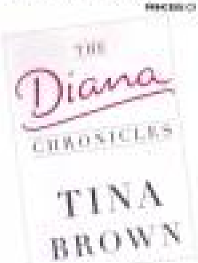
Princess Diana and Tina Brown: Victors of the era

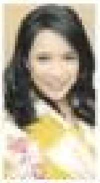
LIFE-STYLED
Thelma Sioson San Juan

CONTRARY TO WHAT

Using media

PRINCESS C3




SWATCH model Pia Guanio


SWATCH creative director Ronnel Santiago


JOJI Dingcong (right) and his models


CARLO Orosa and Anton San Diego in a duet


BILLY Crawford with Susan Jones

Toasting Crawford and Cordero


SWATCH empress Virgie Ramos


CASER Arnie Fernandez singing "How Did You Know?"

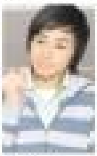

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH
Maurice Arcache


MOI, Virgie Ramos, Tessa and Bonnie Valdes

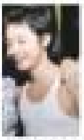

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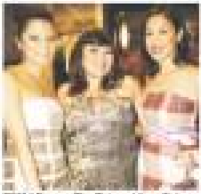

PEPPER Teehankee posing as a Billy Crawford fan

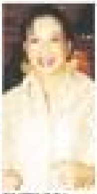

BRAZILIAN model Bruno


HIGH School Musical lead actor Sam Concepcion


JM Rodriguez and Stephen Ko

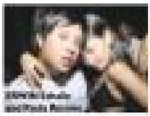

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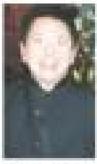

TESSA Prieto, Tina Tinio and Kring Zobel


TINGTING Cojuangco

Auggie Cordero returns

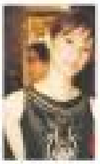






CHITO Antonio


TOP DESIGNER Auggie Cordero with Sophia Villanueva, Cha Barretto Villanueva and Monica Villanueva

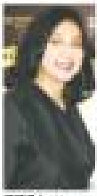
One Bigfish summer!


MA. Prieto


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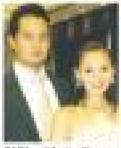

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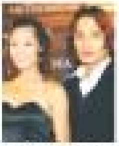

JOJO Zubiri


RICKY and Lorna Laurel


LULU Tan Gan, Chiqui Panlilio and Crisanta Lavenli


METRO Society's Ipe Cruz and Noel Manuel, Ching Cruz and Mike Toledo


RAFA and Annie Abrenica


RAN Santiago and Leslie Achacoso



RICA PERALEJO



KIM CHIU

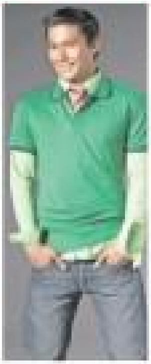
Beautiful people

ONLY A chosen few beautiful, talented and famous people are in the exclusive roster of Bench endorsers.

Two lucky individuals will have the chance to shine as bright as these stars when "Bench Model Search" hits the television screens starting July 29 at 10:30 p.m. on ABS-CBN.



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ZANJOE MARUDO



MIKEE LEE



SHINY AND 'WOO'





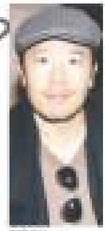
Derek Lam injects the essential element of youth and freshness to Tod's in his first full collection as creative director











DEREK Lam

Bag to the future

















MEN'S sneakers in patent leather





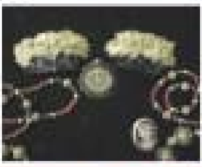






Three-day sale

Goings On



SPECIAL JEWELRY COLLECTION

Princess ...





Classy sparklers



NECKLACE-FIRE collection



BRACELET-ZEUS collection

INCORPORATE ELEGANCE AND style into your everyday life with Morellato jewelry's different lines.

[illegible]

Morellato also has accessories for men—the Miami, Fire, [illegible], Zeus and [illegible] collections—that are designed to bring together gold and diamonds and textural elements like carbon, rubber, leather and silicone.

These collections are complemented by premium watches, keychains and wallets.

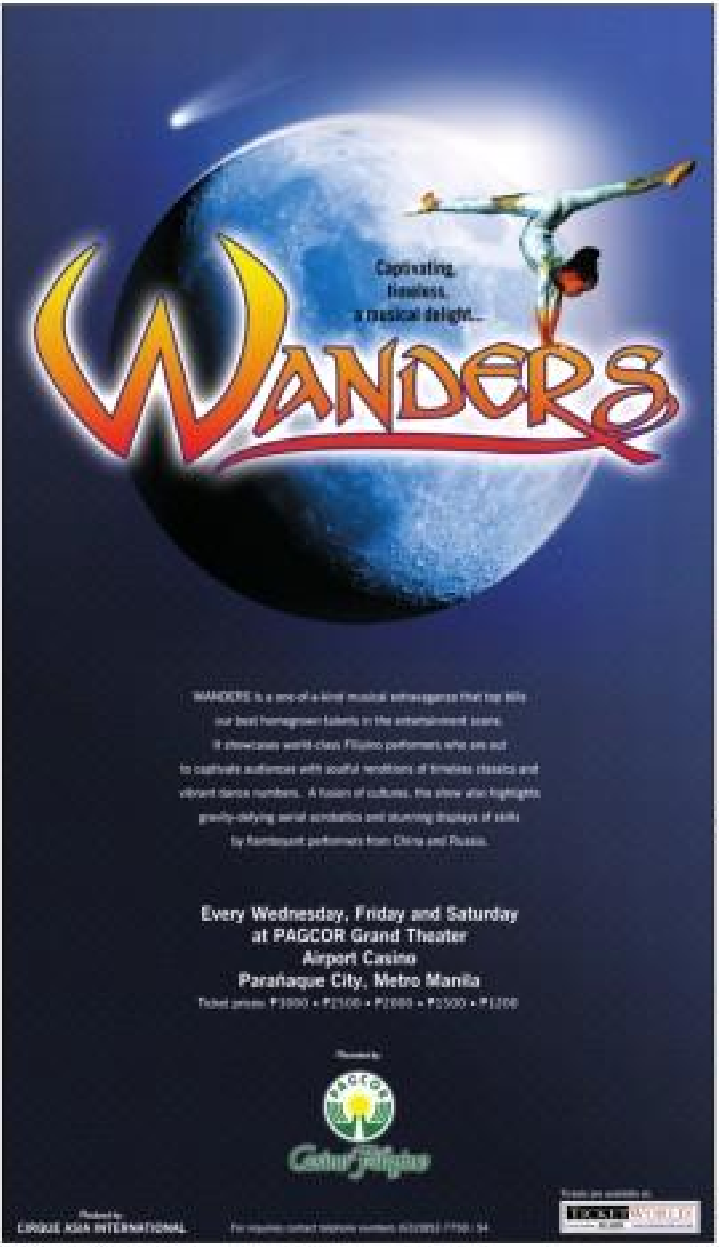
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NECKLACE-AURORA collection



NECKLACE-HAPPY Charms collection



Keeping time the maritime way

TECHNOMARINE HAS BEEN GRANTED permission by the United States Department of the Navy to use the "US Navy" name for its latest timepiece.

[illegible]



TECHNOMARINE'S US Navy watch



TECHNOMARINE's [illegible]

LIFESTYLE

FASHION



What's hot! Fall-Winter

THE NEW 2007 PARENTESI COLLECTION

The new Parentesi collection is the interpretation of a unique sign which is unmistakably Bulgari. Revisiting a classic design that has given life to modular jewelry, the new look leaves behind the straight lines of its previous interpretations while preserving the distinctive character of a truly historical motif.

Absolute attention to detail reveals jewels with a coherent, logical, sophisticated expression. The openwork structure is the defining characteristic of the new collection, giving each piece a bold yet modern interpretation of the Parentesi sign. The subtle yet visible cuts of the logo as an element of design highlights the pure profiles. White or yellow gold are used for earrings, rings, bracelets, pendants and necklaces, outlined with demi-pavé and pavé diamonds.

The new 2007 Parentesi collection truly sets a new standard in elegant, modern style.

The new 2007 Parentesi collection is now available in Manila: [illegible] Boutiques: [illegible] Shopping Arcade, [illegible] and Greenbelt 4, Ayala Center, [illegible]









Power play

Minimalism to the max



The boyfriend look



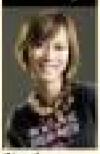
Bright and bold



The new LBD



Mabuhay!



Jenni Epperson

The sweet escape



Stocking up



Giving the shoulder



Mod almighty



Women in uniform



Art's cool



Metallure



The stripe is right



Time for the hourglass



Ethnic chic





From drab to debonair

Earth tones, scarf prints and metallics are welcome additions to men's wardrobes this year





Geometrics



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Shoes in to



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Arm candy



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Waist-ed



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Trend hunter

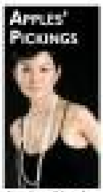
WITH EACH NEW FASHION season comes a multitude of "must buys" and "must-haves." Part of the excitement is trying to determine what are the key pieces and perennial classics.

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Well, the good news is, we've done it for you.

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E-mail the author at [illegible]



APPLES' PICKINGS

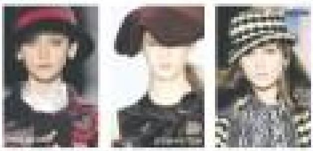
Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

Technicolor touches



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Hat tricks



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Hold it!



[illegible]

Pump it up



[illegible]

Pretty purse



[illegible]

Luxe life



[illegible]

Sturdy but stylized



[illegible]



From drab to debonair

From page [illegible]

[illegible]

More key trends

[illegible]

Bronzed and beautiful

You want to look as if the sun has just kissed your face, so pick a color that simply warms up the skin

cut & keep



BEFORE



AFTER

Clear as clear can be





VERA Wang Princess



GLYTONE Clarifying program



CLEAR Antidandruff shampoo

Fall in love



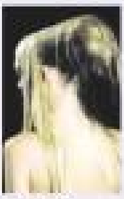
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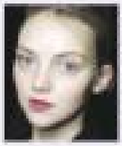
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Alberta Ferretti



Alexander McQueen



Diane Von Furstenberg

Bottega Veneta





Jil Sander

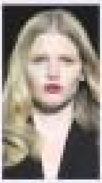


Gucci

BEAUTY



Roberto Cavalli



Alessandro Dell'acqua



Christopher Kane



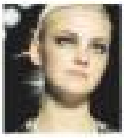
Simple, sexy, and easy are the three best adjectives to describe the look for Autumn

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

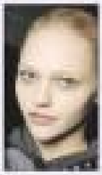
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Oscar de la Renta



Michael Kors



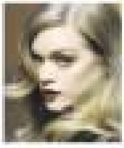
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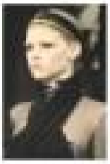
Vera Wang

THE LOOK FOR FALL 2007 IS SOMEthing to fall for. It celebrates luminous skin and accentuates the eyes. The look is a little romantic with that touch of sensuality that's sexy without going overboard.

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Valentino



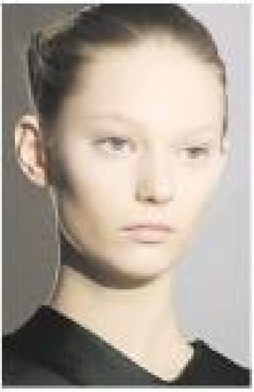
Karl Lagerfeld

Marios Schwab

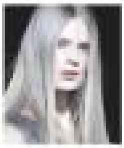




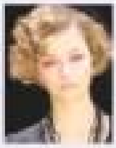
Jonathan Saunders



Jil Sander



Zac Posen



Paul Smith



Alexander McQueen



Anna Sui

ENTERTAINMENT



Judging Jed Madela

RP's world singing champ is now a permanent juror at the 'Talent Olympics'



'Kadin' set to captivate with images of Batanes

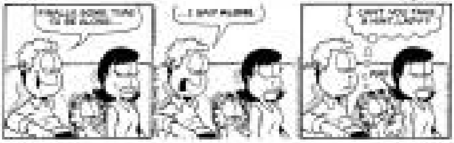
Carnival games, cats and bonding with Nikki at the 'Potter' premiere

Only in Hollywood

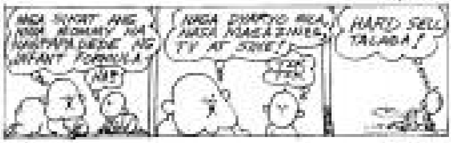


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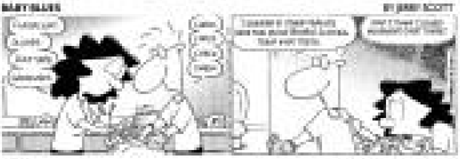
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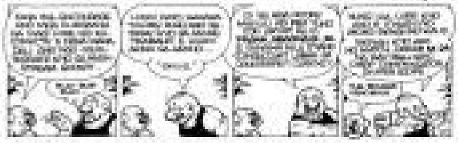
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BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT

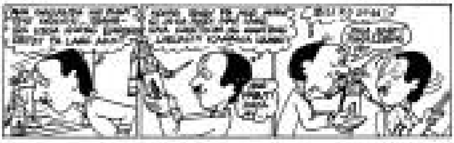


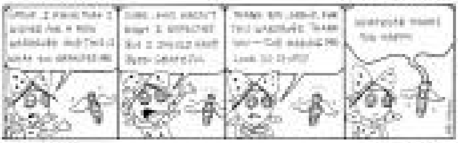
PUGAD BABOY — BY PM. JUNIOR



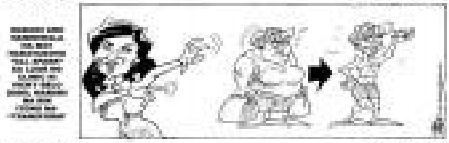
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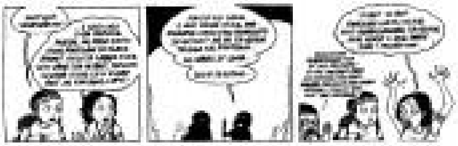




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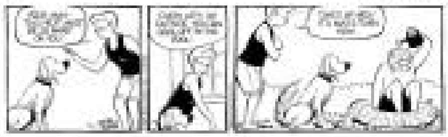


KIKO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA









DAILY CROSSWORD

HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

5		6		1				9
			4					
		7	3			2		4
						1	3	
1								7
	2	5						
3		8			2	9		
					7			
9				5		7		6

Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Judging Jed…



MAKING history in PICOPA: Jed and Rica.

Carnival games, cats and bonding …

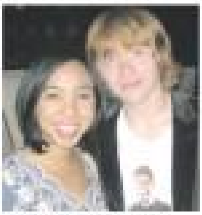






Carnival games, cats and bonding . . .

The entire lot, which used to be the Charlie Chaplin Studios, was transformed into Hogsmeade village



LIVING stars



OUT OF THE CLOSET

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BOOTS ANSON-ROA

[illegible]



FAVORITE NOOKS





BOOKS

IC MENDOZA

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TAIL TALES

PAOLO PARAISO

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FANTASTIC FOUR

PARAISO

TITANIKO



Woody Allen starts filming in Barcelona

SNEAK PEEK

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MICK JAGGER

EVA MENDES

SARAH JESSICA PARKER

Stars and fashion plates gather

RED CARPET

At the Valentino gala in Rome on July 7











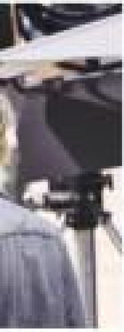
LIZ HURLEY

ANNE HATHAWAY

SIENNA MILLER



THE AWARD-winning US director Woody Allen with his head cast on the first day of work. The movie is still untitled.







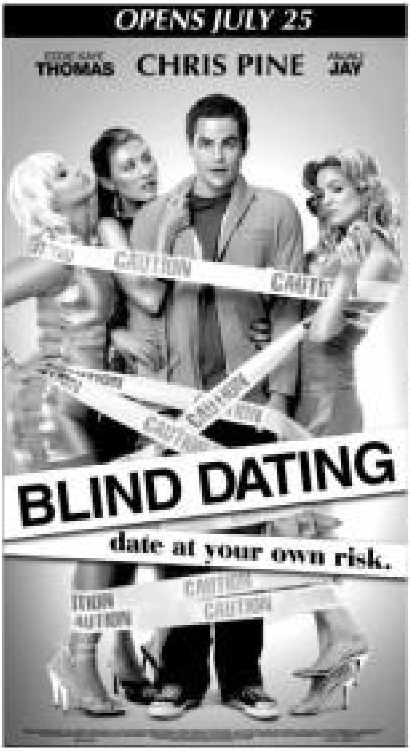
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4 TIYANAKS
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